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*“A religious system is of but little account when it possesses no virtue nor power to better the condition of people, spiritually, intellectually, morally and physically.”—LORENZO SNOW.*

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THE PRESENT CONDITIONS IN THE CHURCH

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

It is a pleasure to again have the opportunity of meeting the Latter-day Saints in General Conference. I rejoice in the progress of the work of the Lord.

It has been my privilege during the last six months, since we were assembled here in this capacity, to visit quite a number of the stakes of Zion and to be in a number of the missions of the Church, and to dedicate a great many chapels and recreational halls in different parts of the Church.

Notwithstanding the great trouble financially all over the world I believe that as a people we are suffering less than are those in other sections of the country, for which I am very grateful to the Lord.

The work of the Lord is progressing all over the world without any exceptions. We are receiving calls from the presidents of all our missions for additional missionaries.

Our missionary force has been reduced very materially on account of the present financial condition at home and abroad, but the spirit of the work is progressing splendidly, and many of the local people all over the world where we have missionaries are engaged actively in missionary work; and in many places local people are being installed in presiding positions, thus relieving many of the missionaries from some of the activities that they have heretofore engaged in. I rejoice in the present condition of the Church and the progress it is making.

I do not think that we need to worry the least bit about any of the Latter-day Saints suffering on account of lack of food or shelter during these hard times. I am confident beyond the shadow of a doubt that with our system of fast-day donations

and the work that is being done by our Relief Society, the bishops in all the various wards, with the help of the auxiliary officers, will be able to look after those who are in real distress.

I am converted to the fact that if the Latter-day Saints as a people would actually do without two or three meals once a month, as prescribed, on fast days, and give the full equivalent to the bishop, thus benefiting their own individual health and that of their families—if they conscientiously paid a full fast day donation, each and every person giving the equivalent of two or three meals one Sunday in each month—it would fully take care of those who are in distressed circumstances.

I rejoice in the fact that from many sections of the country we have received reports that our people, as a rule, who have been honest and conscientious in the mission field in the payment of their tithes, almost without exception are retaining their employment and are getting along all right financially.

I do not know that the subject is worthy of my notice, and yet it has been suggested that it might be well to refer to the continued falsifying by some people who have been excommunicated from the Church and are going around distributing papers and documents and publishing papers that are as full of lies as an egg is full of meat. I believe that the very best liars I have any acquaintance with are those who have been cut off from the Church and cast out. They seem to be very active at the present time, making statements that our property is being mortgaged, etc., notwithstanding the fact that there is no Church property mortgaged. Any person could go down to the county court house in any of the counties and find out if the Church's property is mortgaged. There is no part of the property of any one of the wards or stakes in our Church, or of the general Church property, that is mortgaged.

#### THE CHURCH LOANED SOME MONEY

These people talk about the funds of the Church having been used for individual benefit, and so on, so I hear. It is only fair to say that I have never taken the trouble to read what they publish in their *New Era*. It would be more properly named the *Regular Liar*, instead of the *New Era*. I have heard that a lie can travel around the world while truth is getting out of bed, but nevertheless, truth eventually overtakes the lie and steps on it.

The fact remains that the Church has loaned some money to the Sugar company and it has taken a mortgage for that money, and the loan is well secured. The fact remains that in helping the Sugar company the Church is helping itself, because the first beet sugar factory ever built in the United States of America with American machinery was built at Lehi, and the Church used its credit and borrowed the money to help build it. Yes, the

Church had to borrow the money at that time. Now it does not need to borrow it. The Church is the principal stockholder in the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, and by lending it some money and taking security on real estate, it is simply protecting its own property.

I shall be very happy indeed if in the providence of the Lord there shall be a return of prosperity for the sugar company. We are being penalized to-day in the sugar business because of the loyalty of the people in response to the appeals of the government when sugar was retailing at twenty, twenty-five and sometimes thirty cents a pound. We built at that time twice as many factories as we can now get beets to operate, and I suppose it is just as well that we could not get the beets during the last year or two to operate all our factories, inasmuch as there is no profit in the business.

I am sure that whenever the time comes that sugar will sell at reasonable prices, so that the farmers can get a little more money for raising beets, some of our idle factories can be opened, and there will be an increase of prosperity for the farmers and the people generally, if this industry can only grow and increase.

The original sugar factory was built by Wilford Woodruff and his associates and friends mainly for the benefit of the farmers, so that they might have an increased variety of crops. That was the only object.

The idea that businesses have been established by the Church for the individual profit of men who are connected with the leadership of the Church is absolutely false. Many of us borrowed money and put it into that factory at the request of President Woodruff and lost the money that we invested.

I know something about it individually because I personally borrowed a large sum of money, bought stock, paid interest on it for five years and then sold the stock for less than one-half of what it cost. I gained a whole lot of experience financially out of it and have never recovered so far as the sugar company is concerned. I thought I would make this much of an explanation.

#### SATISFIED WITH STATUS

I remember delivering a sermon here nearly a year ago—perhaps it was longer ago than that, I do not remember the exact date—in which I referred to the fact that some people had said that if the “Mormons” would only do away with their belief in Joseph Smith and his prophecies they might now really, with the progress they are making and the changes they are making, etc., be counted in the Christian family.

Inasmuch as the Church to which you and I belong, is the Church of Jesus Christ, established by the Saviour Himself through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith, I do not think we need to worry about being admitted into the various

Christian denominations. The one thing that you and I need to worry about, and the only thing, is with regard to keeping the commandments of the Lord, living our religion as Latter-day Saints.

I am sure that the man who is honestly and conscientiously observing the Word of Wisdom, who is a full and honest tithe-payer, and attends to his meetings and to his family and secret prayers, such a man need not worry about anything that might be said concerning this Church by apostate "Mormions" or anyone else.

A true Latter-day Saint is living a life that is above reproach. He is living a life that stamps him in the eyes of all honest, conscientious people as a man worthy of respect and one who can be relied upon, because the true Latter-day Saint believes in God and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World. He believes in sustaining the laws of God and the laws of his country, and in living a virtuous, true, upright life. No man can be a true Latter-day Saint without being worthy of the confidence of all men, without regard to whether they believe as he does or have any respect for his beliefs.

#### SPEAKS OF DEATHS

There have been some changes made since our last conference. As you all know, Brother Orson F. Whitney, one of the Council of the Twelve, and Elder Rey L. Pratt, one of the First Council of Seventy and president of the Mexican mission, have passed away. They were two outstanding preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, men of great ability in proclaiming the Gospel and men of great personal inspiration. They lived lives that brought honour and respect to them and thereby honour and respect to the people that they represented as general officials.

The Presidency and Apostles have nominated, as you know, although they have not yet been ordained and set apart, Brother Joseph F. Merrill and Brother Antoine R. Ivins to fill the positions made vacant by the death of these two stalwart workers in the Church. The other changes are as follows :

Changes in Stake and Mission officers since last April Conference :

#### STAKE PRESIDENTS APPOINTED

LeGrand Richards has been appointed president of the Hollywood Stake to succeed George W. McCune.

Hyrnm B. Calder has been appointed president of the Uintah Stake to succeed Wallace Calder.

Peter J. Ricks has been appointed president of the Fremont Stake to succeed George S. Romney.

Joseph R. Christiansen has been appointed president of the Moroni Stake to succeed James L. Nielson.

We wish to say that Brothers George W. McCune, Wallace



Calder, George S. Romney and James L. Nielson have all laboured diligently and faithfully in the positions they have occupied and they have been honourably released.

#### NEW MISSION PRESIDENTS

George S. Romney has been appointed president of the Northern States Mission to succeed Noah S. Pond, who has been honourably released after having filled a splendid mission.

Leonidas D. Mecham has been appointed acting president of the Australian Mission to succeed Clarence H. Tingey, who has returned from Australia in the enjoyment of health after filling a most splendid mission.

Francis Salzner has been appointed president of the Swiss and German Mission to succeed Fred Tadge. Sister Tadge has returned from the mission and Brother Tadge will undoubtedly come after his successor has been installed.

#### NEW TEMPLE PRESIDENT

William M. Waddoups has been appointed president of the Hawaiian Temple, to succeed Cestle H. Murphy, who is president of the Hawaiian Mission, and who was also directing the affairs of the Temple. We considered it wisdom to have Brother Waddoups return to Hawaii, where he has laboured for so many years and so faithfully, to preside over the Temple there.

#### NEW WARDS ORGANIZED

Burbank Ward, Hollywood Stake.

Salmon Ward, Lost River Stake.

Elysian Park Ward, Hollywood Stake.

Pasadena Ward, Hollywood Stake.

#### STAKE PRESIDENT WHO HAS PASSED AWAY

James P. Jensen, president of the San Luis Stake, Colorado, has passed away after an honourable, faithful presidency there.

#### BISHOPS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Harold Winterton, Woodland Ward in the Summit Stake, by an auto accident.

Lawrence Gates of the Antimony Ward, Garfield Stake.

#### FAITH ESSENTIAL

Coming back to the suggestion that we as Latter-day Saints do away with faith in Joseph Smith, I want to announce, as I stated on the occasion referred to, that the moment any individual or individuals shall lose faith in the Divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that minute they are not entitled to be called Latter-day Saints. The whole foundation of this Church rests firmly upon the inspiration of the living God through Joseph Smith the Prophet.

When I hear the song :

We Thank thee, O God for a Prophet,  
To guide us in these latter days,

I never feel as though it applies to me. I never hear it but that I feel it applies to that man who was the instrument in the hands of God of restoring again to the earth the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the plan of life and salvation, the Pearl of Great Price, that which is of more value than everything else in all the world, namely, the plan which if you and I live it will bring us back into the presence of God our Heavenly Father, to dwell there in joy and peace eternally forever.

When anybody talks about Joseph Smith not being a prophet he should look into the great and remarkable prophecies that he uttered. He should read the marvelous and wonderful revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants which the Lord has given to us through him. I am sure when people realize that the war of the rebellion was foretold and prophesied of by him, and that he gave the world a solution, so to speak, of the difficulties which brought about the war, advocating the sale of the public lands of the country to purchase the slaves as England had done, they must recognize that he was inspired of the Lord.

#### JOSEPH SMITH—AN OUTSTANDING CHARACTER

I remember very distinctly that in the book entitled "Figures of the Past" the man who wrote it said he could not account for Joseph Smith and intimated that he must have been partially insane. He said he had visited a place where the insane were kept, and I suppose he was on a par with the man who said that Joseph Smith received his revelations at the time he was in epileptic fits. Joseph Smith was one of the stalwarts physically. He was an athlete, a very strong man.

The wisdom of the wise shall be confounded. This same man goes on to say, in paying tribute to Joseph Smith, that of all the men he had ever met, Elisha R. Potter of Rhode Island and Joseph Smith seemed best endowed with "that kingly faculty which directs as by divine right feeble and confused souls looking for guidance." He went on to say that great credit had been given to Ralph Waldo Emerson as being a statesman ahead of his day because of his advocating the sale of the public lands for the purchase of the slaves; but he said, "What shall we say of the 'Mormon' Prophet who advocated the same thing eleven years previously, when the heavens were clear and tranquil?" At the time Ralph Waldo Emerson advocated this course there were war clouds in the heavens.

We say that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Living God and that he gave to the people a solution that would have saved that terrible fratricidal war between the Northern and Southern States. He goes on to say :

Such a rare human being is not to be disposed of by pelting his memory with unsavoury epithets. Fanatic, impostor, charlatan, he may have been; but these hard names furnish no solution to the problems he presents to us. Fanatics and impostors are living and dying every day, and their memory is buried with them; but the wonderful influence which this founder of a religion exerted and still exerts throws him into relief before us, not as a rogue to be criminated, but as a phenomenon to be explained.

He also says that with hundreds of thousands believing that he is an emissary from the Most High God we cannot dispose of him by ridiculing his name.

All the lies that are being told about the people to-day are as nothing in comparison with those that were told about the Prophet. He taught the people that we would be driven from city to city, county to county, state to state and finally beyond the confines of the United States and that we would become a great and a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains. He said the day would come when not only a city, a county or a state would be arrayed against this handful of people called "Mormons," but that the day would come when the whole United State would be arrayed against them.

And we have lived to see these statements fulfilled. We have become a mighty people. We have over a thousand wards and independent branches from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south. We have more than nine hundred branches in the missions throughout the world. We have splendid edifices in our wards and branches from Canada to Mexico. We have some magnificent temples that have been erected from Canada on the north to Arizona on the south, and one splendid temple way off in the Hawaiian Islands.

The work of the Lord is progressing, the people are growing in faith and a love of the truth, in absolute testimony that Joseph Smith was in very deed a prophet of the True and Living God.

#### A HUNDRED YEARS OLD

This Gospel has been proclaimed now for over one hundred years all over the world, in every land and every clime where religious liberty has been granted, and it has gathered out people from every denomination under heaven; and as I have remarked in my public addresses, I know of no missionary in my entire experience, although we have at times had more than two thousand in the field, that has ever returned to announce that he had found that some other religion, in England, in Ireland, or some other part of the world, was the truth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our missionaries have come home during the past one hundred years with increased testimony of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

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EDITORIAL

THE DEBIT SIDE

A CLEAR-THINKING correspondent, not a member of the Church, asks a significant question. "Your credit side is good, but what about your debit side?"

This friend has been studying "Mormon" history and achievements, and has become convinced that, by contrast, the Latter-day Saints compare very favorably with other communities; but he has also noted that the results of "Mormon" life are not as favourable as they might be, considering the vital power of "Mormon" doctrine. For example, while he observes that, as a result of obedience to the Word of Wisdom, the Latter-day Saints live longer than other groups of like number, similarly placed, and that deaths from the scourging diseases are greatly reduced to one-half or less, yet many Latter-day Saints suffer from unnecessary physical afflictions. He sees readily that there is a marked contrast between "Mormons" and other communities; but asks us to account for our debit side.

There is only one answer. The Latter-day Saints are not perfect. They do not use to the full the principles of truth that they possess. Like other people they are tempted from the path of full obedience. They stumble and fall, being but human beings, but, being children of God, they rise again to climb to greater heights.

Yet, "Mormonism" has had a tremendous bettering effect upon human lives. Evil habits have been laid aside; a striving struggle for improved methods of living has been engendered. There has been a genuine, persisting transformation, from bad to good, from good to better. Were it not so, there would not be such an accumulation of evidences of preeminence in health, education, social satisfaction, economic contentment and spiritual joy. The Latter-day Saints may not have risen as high as they might have done; but they have, through the aid of the Gospel, risen to great heights of accomplishment. Gratefully, they testify to the enlivening, uplifting, progressive power of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless, we should heed the question, "What of the debit side?" We, who have received a fullness of truth to guide us, should be better than we are. It is not enough to be better, stronger, more understanding than our neighbours. We must become as nearly as possible all that which our powers permit and the Gospel offers. The Latter-day Saints, blessed with the



body of truth for human advancement, should move daily upwards, towards the goal of perfection. Every Latter-day Saint might well ask himself the daily question "What about my debit side? Is it smaller than it was yesterday?" And proceed to order his life accordingly.

Latter-day Saints should not hesitate to tread the path towards perfection. The plan of salvation, useful on earth as in heaven, shows how man may, within human limitations, but with divine assistance, approach full joy and personal perfection. The training of the stubborn will to yield obedience is our main concern.

Our correspondent is not the first to ask this question or one like it, as is shown by the following extract from a discourse of Brigham Young:

In conversation not long since with a visitor who was about returning to the Eastern States, said he, "You, as a people, consider that you are perfect." "Oh no," said I, "not by any means. Let me define to you, the doctrine that we have embraced is perfect; but when we come to the people, we have just as many imperfections as you can ask for. We are not perfect; but the Gospel that we preach is calculated to perfect the people so that they can obtain a glorious resurrection and enter into the presence of the Father and the Son.

A Latter-day Saint is not happy unless he is using the Gospel for self-improvement, progress and increasing fitness to receive the blessings of the Lord. We must live so as to be worthy the title "Saint." We must reduce the debit side.—W.

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## CHANGES IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION OFFICE

ELDER WILLIAM D. CALLISTER, Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star* for a year and a half, was honourably released on August 14th, to return to his home. Elder Callister's excellent work is recognized by all readers of the *Star*.

Elder A. Edward Anderson, Jr., who has served in the Secretary's office since August, 1930, was honourably released on October 3rd, 1931, to return to his home. His work has also been well done, to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

We are grateful for the splendid services of these two faithful Elders, and wish them continued success and happiness in life.

Patriarch James H. Wallis, Publicity Director in the European Mission, will also act as Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*.

Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis has been appointed counselor to Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, in the Presidency of the European Relief Societies.

Elder Arnold D. White has been appointed Financial Secretary; Elder Welden C. Roberts, Editorial Secretary and Elder Milton S. Musser, Secretary for the Auxiliary organizations in the European Mission.

In the hands of these capable people, the work of the Lord in these lands will continue its steady, conquering progress.—W.

## THE PRESENT CONDITIONS IN THE CHURCH

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We have lived to see the issuing of an exterminating order by the governor of a state to expel the Latter-day Saints, we have lived to see the army of the United States of America, because of the lies of runaway judges, come against this people. We have lived to see the property of the Church, both real and personal, confiscated by the highest tribunal, under the acts of Congress, and I have picked up the paper time and time again during the litigation for the return of our property and have read in bold headlines, "The United States of America versus the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," and have laid down the paper and thanked God that the United States had placed the stamp of divinity upon the utterances of the Prophet of the Living God.

Stephen A. Douglas, believing absolutely that he had within his grasp the presidency of the United States, that he would be overwhelmingly elected, presumed to say that we had destroying angels, that we were in league with the Indians, that we were in rebellion against the government, that we were setting up a kingdom of our own here with Brigham Young at the head of it. Then he was reminded by the *Deseret News* that the Prophet Joseph Smith had said to him when he was an obscure country judge:

### DEFIES STATEMENT

Judge Douglas, the day will come when you will aspire to the presidency of the United States, and if you ever lift your voice against my people you shall be disappointed in your ambitions, you shall die a broken-hearted, disappointed man, and the conversation of this day will stick to you until the day of your death.

He defied that statement. When? He defied that utterance of the Prophet when he felt sure that he would be elected president, and this was at a time when we did not have a single vote in the electoral college for the presidency of the United States. We were a territory without a vote and there was no occasion for this man to make the speech that he did unless he felt in his heart that he could brand Joseph Smith as a false prophet. But instead of branding him as such he brought forth one of the strongest evidences of the divine mission of Joseph Smith.

May the Lord bless us during our conference sessions. May the light and inspiration of His Spirit attend us. May we, one and all, seek every day of our lives to fully live up to the requirements of the Gospel. And I can promise you that if you do so, peace, prosperity and happiness, physically, intellectually, and above all, spiritually, will attend you. I ask this blessing in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.—Opening address of the

One Hundred and Second Semi-annual Conference held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., Friday morning, October 2nd, 1931.

## THE WORD OF WISDOM EXHIBIT IN DRESDEN

ELDER WELDEN C. ROBERTS

DURING the year 1930, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was permitted to exhibit the Word of Wisdom facts at the International Hygiene Exposition held in Dresden, Germany. The exhibit attracted many people, among whom were men and women of learning and understanding. Numberless friends were made, and the health laws included in the Word of Wisdom were taught to thousands of visitors.

The opportunity to exhibit the effects of the Word of Wisdom, was granted also during 1931. People from all over Germany and other countries have visited the exhibit and inquired about the Word of Wisdom display. Scores of people have renewed their friendship, and thousands of others have become friends.

The activities of the exhibit from the time it reopened, on May 6th, 1931, until September 20th, are as follows :

Visitors to the Exhibit ... ..	100,610
Tracts distributed ... ..	95,053
Names left for further information ... ..	2,252
Conversations ... ..	1,161
Lectures held ... ..	113
Hours spent at the Exhibit (by the attendants)... ..	1,372

The above figures reveal but a small part of the good that has been done through this health display. The facts pertaining to health standards and moral conditions among the Latter-day Saints which have been presented have helped to allay prejudice and to create a spirit of friendliness toward the Church.

People are usually seeking for truth, but truth is sometimes obscure, being covered by worn-out cloaks. The health exhibit was attractive ; it uncovered simple and basic truths, and enabled the prejudiced mind to see the good which others possess. This was accomplished in Dresden. People who have been blinded by the craftiness of men have had their eyes opened to the desirable effects derived from living the fundamental health laws of the Word of Wisdom, a component part of "Mormonism."

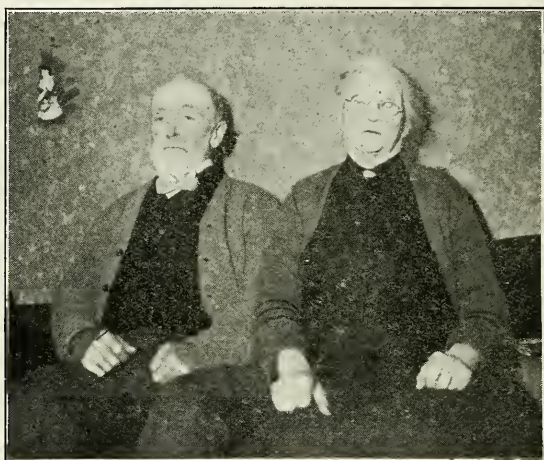
Two missionaries from the German-Austrian Mission were always in constant attendance at the exhibit, where they met the visitors, engaged in conversations and gave lectures. Their faithful labours will bear much fruit.

## A HAPPY COUPLE

ELDER OTTO DONE, MANCHESTER DISTRICT

BROTHER JOSEPH COOPER, in his eightieth year, and Sister Elizabeth Gill Cooper, in her seventy-eighth year, of Hyde, Manchester, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on September 25th. They have both been active members of the Church since they were baptized in 1907.

Relatives and friends of Brother and Sister Cooper enjoyed a house party in their behalf on Saturday night, and on Sunday, many of their old friends gave them special calls. They received precious gifts from all their friends.



BROTHER AND SISTER JOSEPH COOPER

Sister Cooper is a beloved friend of the children and is known to them as "Grandma Cooper."

Brother Cooper is a prominent member of the Old Men's Institute, where he enjoys his leisure time.

Their long, happy married life might well be an ideal for those who are just starting in love's bond of wedlock.

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## THE GOOD SHIP ZION

GEORGE H. BAILEY, SHEFFIELD DISTRICT

ON THE sixth day of April, 1830, the good ship "Zion" was launched upon the raging sea of apostasy. Many strange crafts had ventured upon her turbulent billows only to be engulfed in the whirlpool of mysticism and error. But not so with the good ship Zion, which was fashioned in the Councils of Heaven—her



architect is God. Her captain and crew are men who have sounded the depths and tested the force of the aimless, increasing tide of this blackened ocean. Her cargo is truth; her destination, the realms of infinite progress.

For a hundred years this mighty vessel has plowed her way steadily through the raging billows. Oh, how oft the mighty waves of persecution have hurled themselves against her unbending prow, only to recede and carry her buoyantly forward.

Each passing day her untiring crew observe some poor struggling soul tossed to and fro by the relentless waves of erroneous doctrine. The flood lights of truth pierce the mists of superstition; the glory of the good ship Zion is revealed. New hope swells in the hearts of those who flounder. The voice of the Captain rings loud and clear, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Yes, rest from the wearying, sickening, soul-destroying practice of mystical ceremony and all its attendant evils. Ere long the eternal shore of the Celestial Kingdom of God will rise upon the horizon—health and strength, vigour and vitality, physically, spiritually, mentally and morally. An unfeigned faith in God, practically demonstrated, is the qualification all must present to gain a landing upon the shore to this great kingdom.

Arise, O ye slumbering nations! Long and loud has the God of heaven called you to come aboard the good ship Zion and see her mighty armour of impregnable truth withstand the dashing of waves of finite wisdom. See her mighty compass of living faith which points the only safe way of daily increasing happiness. Examine the lives of her illustrious crew; men who have weathered the storms of unfounded charges and false accusations; men who have sacrificed the comforts of peaceful homes and opportunity to make a name and fame among men. Aye, men who have dared to sail the sea of worldly opposition solely in the hope that they might minister to some poor misguided soul the life-giving essence of the unadulterated, simple, yet mighty truths, of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come and see the unalloyed joy existing in the souls of those who have secured a berth in this mighty vessel of God! Come stand upon the bridge of Zion's ship and with the clear vision that the refreshing breeze of God's revealed words give, view the glorious destiny to which this mighty vessel of God is sailing. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard," nor can tongue express the exquisite beauty, the ennobling environment and glorious opportunities awaiting those who dare to sail the sea of age-worn creeds upon the good ship Zion.

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IN knowledge there is power. God has more power than all other beings, because He has greater knowledge.—JOSEPH SMITH.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE promise of the Lord that the Spirit of Truth will guide us into all truth was proved in a most inspiring manner to all those who attended the three sessions of the Nottingham District Conference, held in Leicester on Sunday, October 11th.

At the morning session vital instructions and encouragement were given to those engaged in the Priesthood and Auxiliary activities. Sister Josephine B. Lund and Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis met with the Relief Society Sisters, and President A. William Lund and Patriarch James H. Wallis met with the Priesthood holders.

The saints were given the privilege of sustaining the General Authorities of the Church, at the afternoon meeting. A detailed report of the District's progress for the past six months was also given. President Albert W. Horman was released as president of the District and was given a hearty vote of thanks for his faithful services rendered. Elder Dix W. Price was sustained, by the vote of the people, as president of the District. The beautiful pageant, "Salvation for the Dead," was then presented in a most awe-inspiring manner. It successfully impressed the saints of the greatness and importance of seeking out the genealogies and doing the work for the dead. The hearts of the children were indeed turned to the fathers.

The largest gathering of the day was at the evening session. The beautiful song, "See the Mighty Angel Flying," was sung by a trio of Elders. President Albert W. Horman (released) gave an impressive farewell testimony. The congregation listened attentively to Patriarch Wallis as he told of the advancement and growth of missionary activities within the Church in recent years. President Lund forcefully expounded the teachings of the scriptures, particularly the first principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and pleaded with those not of the faith to search the scriptures, and with the aid of the Spirit of the Lord, find the "Pearl of Great Price."

Twenty-eight blessings were given during the Conference by Patriarch Wallis, out of forty-one who had made application.

Mission authorities and missionaries in attendance were: British Mission President and Sister A. William Lund, of the Mission Office; Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, of the European Mission; President Albert W. Horman (released), President Dix W. Price, and Elders F. Ephraim Bates, Jules Gillet, Perry L. Watkins, Moroni H. Brown, Elden L. Bastian, Osborne M. Vance and F. Vernon Rawson, all of the Nottingham District; Elder E. Arnold Goff, Birmingham District, and Elder Percy L. Matthews, London District.

ELDER OSBORNE M. VANCE, District Clerk.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Appointments and Releases:** On October 2nd, Elder Harold E. Dean was appointed President of the Bristol District, succeeding President Glenn N. Hart.

Elder Dix W. Price was appointed president of the Nottingham District, on October 11th, succeeding President Albert W. Horman.

On October 18th, Elder Perry L. Watkins, of the Nottingham District, was appointed Supervisor of the British Mutual Improvement Associations and Editor of the *Harbinger*, succeeding Elder G. Dwight Wakefield who has been honourably released to return to his home in America.

Elder Thomas A. Lambert was appointed president of the Hull District, on October 18th, succeeding President Karl C. Durham.

Sister Gwendolyn Lund was appointed supervisor of the British Mission Bee-Hive organizations, on October 20th.

**Releases and Departures:** The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: Russell R. Phillips, Newcastle District, released on September 25th, sailed from Southampton aboard the *Leviathan* on October 3rd; Douglas Donaldson, Nottingham, Scottish and Liverpool Districts, released on October 2nd, sailed from Southampton on October 8th, aboard the *George Washington*; Eldon C. Ririe, Manchester and Ulster Districts, released on October 15th, sailed from Southampton on October 15th, aboard the *President Harding*.

**Branch Conference:** Of the Glasgow Branch, Scottish District, held on September 27th. During the morning session, a pageant was given depicting Lehi's travels and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon. The saints and their friends were spiritually fed at the evening session. Those present included President Lyndon J. Hall, and Elders LeRoy Duncan, Ralph C. Merkle, Ralph C. Bardsley, LeGrande Sharp and A. Ray Curtis.

**Doings in the Districts:** *Leeds*—On August 31st, the Saints and their friends of the Scunthorpe Branch, Leeds District, held a successful annual Sunday School outing. They motored to Cleethorpes where they spent a very enjoyable day in playing games and swimming.

*Liverpool*—The Relief Society Sisters of the Preston Branch, entertained a large gathering of the saints and their friends at a "Potato Pie" social. An extensive program, games, and a Potato Pie luncheon were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On September 23rd, the Liverpool Branch Saints sponsored a social and dance, at which many of their friends attended and partook of the social activities of the Church. Light refreshments were served at mid-evening. One hundred and ten saints and their friends together enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

*Manchester*—The saints and their friends of the Manchester District thoroughly enjoyed a social held at the Cooperative Hall, Manchester, on September 19th. Music was furnished by the Sylvan dance orchestra, and refreshments, consisting of lemonade, cakes and ice cream, were furnished by the saints of the Manchester Branch. The proceeds from the refreshments were added to the Branch's piano fund.

On Tuesday, October 6th, an exceptionally successful lantern lecture was given by Elder G. Dwight Wakefield, in the town of Bolton. Bolton has recently been the scene of some vigorous anti-"Mormon" activity and the lecture was given to disabuse the public mind concerning the Church, Salt Lake City and the "Mormon" people. Two newspapers gave advance and favourable notice of the lecture, and in spite of a heavy down-pouring of rain, every seat in the hall was filled. A splendid spirit prevailed and much prejudice was allayed.

*Newcastle*—On September 24th, the South Shields Branch Relief Society held a very successful pea and pie supper. Over thirty persons attended. The funds raised are to be used for the Fall Bazaar.

*Norwich*—The Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in the Lowestoft and Norwich Branches on September 27th. The displays of fruit, vegetables and flowers were attractively arranged. Appropriate programs were carried out. The produce was sold the following evening at socials held in each branch.

A successful branch social was held at Lowestoft, on October 1st, at which a large crowd of members and friends participated in the festivities of the evening. After the appropriate program was rendered games were played and refreshments were served.

*Welsh*—Three persons were baptized by Elder Thomas Biggs at a baptismal service held at Goytre, Wales, on October 4th. They were confirmed members of the Church the same day by President Clarence H. Taylor, Elder Elman T. Woodfield and local Elder R. C. Thomas.

On Monday evening, October 5th, the Pontypool Branch Mutual and Relief Society gave a combined social and farewell for two departing missionaries. The table was laid in banquet style and after refreshments, games were played. All returned home refreshed by the enjoyable evening's social.

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## DEATHS

*FELVIS*—Pearl Felvis, the five-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister Edgar E. Felvis, of the Bradford Branch, Leeds District, passed away on September 18th. Funeral services were held on September 22nd, at the family home, under the direction of Elder Noel T. Stoddard. Elders Joseph D. McAllister and Elma H. Lund were the speakers. President O. Horton Transtrum dedicated the grave.

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